other villages of Cuddapah district in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, by when the adimistrative approval is likely to be given?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA): (a) Yes, Sir. The project was returned to the State Government on 29-3-90 for posing it to Ministry of Urban Development as it was covering town areas, Ministry of Urban Development has already given their comments to the State Government for modification of the project. It was yet to be resubmitted by State Government.

(b) Does not arise.

Revision of Guidelines for Jawahar Rozgar Yojna

669. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have revised the guidelines for Jawahar Rozgar Yojna; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The main changes made in the guidelines of Jawahar Rozgar Yojna (JRY) have been given in the Statement enclosed.

Statement

The main changes in the guidelines of Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY) in 1990-91 as compared to 1989-90

The following are the main changes:

(i) 6% of the Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY) resources at the national level will be earmarked for Indira Awaas Yojana (JAY) and distributed among the States in accordance to the proportion of poor among Scheduled Castes (SCs), Scheduled Tribes (STs) and bonded labourers out of the total rural population below the poverty line belonging to this particular group. The LAY funds will be distributed amongst the districts on the basis of number of SCs / STs in a district.

(ii) 20% of the total resources under JRY will be earmarked for the implementation of Million Wells Scheme (MWS) at the State level to be allocated among the districts. The State Governments will allocate MWS resources to the districts with reference to the un-irrigated land with potential for well irrigation held by Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. Where wells are not feasible due to geological factors, the amounts allotted under Million Wells Scheme may be utilised for other schemes of minor irrigation like irrigation tanks, water harvesting structures and also for the development of lands of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and freed bonded labourers including ceiling surplus lands and Bhoodan lands etc. allotted to them. The amount can neither be diverted for any other schemes nor for categories other than Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and freed bonded labourers. These funds will be operated by the District Rural Development Agencies (DRDAs) / Zila Parishads at the district level.

(iii) The prescribed wage and non-wage component under the JRY during 1989-90 was 50:50. In 1990-91, it has been changed to 60:40.

(iv) For the purpose of allocation funds to the village panchayats, the population of each village panchayat having less than 1000 population will be taken as 1000 and more than 10,000 as 10,000. 60% of the resources earmarked for village will be distributed on the basis of adjusted SC / ST population and 40% on the basis of adjusted total population.

(v) DRDAs/ZPs may spend a

maximum of Rs. 50,000 / - to meet the training expenditure of the officials / non-officials involved in the implementation of JRY at the district block / village / Panchayat level provided that atleast 50% of this must be spent on the training of non-officials.

(vi) For the purpose of JRY, the existing forest villages whcih are not part of an existing village panchayat, will be treated as a village panchayat. Forest Department in the districts will implement the programme of JRY in forest villages in consultation with the people of the concerned forest villages keeping the JRY guidelines and Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, as amended from time to time, in view.

Extending of Railways upto Agartala, Tripura

670. SHRI NARAYAN KAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made by Government in extending Railways upto Agartala, the State Capital of Tripura;

(b) whether it is a fact that necessary studies have been made after the present re-alignment of railways by the side of Assam-Agartala road;

(c) if so, what are the reasons for not taking up the work for extension;

(d) whether Government are aware that delay in extension of Railways in Tripura have been blacked the posssibihty of starting Gas-based industry in a C industry State like Tripura; and

(e) if so, whether this work would be incorporated in the next five year plan?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI AJAY SINGH): (a) to (e). A survey was carried out in 1985 for extension of the Railway line from "Kumarghat to Agartala. The cost of the 131 Km. M.G. line was estimated at Rs. 283 crores at the 1984-85 price level. The present day cost would be around Rs. 350 crores. Due to poor traffic prospects, constraint of resources and heavy commitments on hand for new line projects the project could not be taken up.

However, a Final Location Survey including bi-modal study for extension of the railway line from Kumarghat to Agartala has been taken up.

Filling up of the post of D.G. ICAR

671. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the post of Director-General in the Indian Council of Agricultural Research is still lying vacant;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof; and

(c) whether Government are aware that in absence of a permanent D.G., **a** number of issues remain pending and there in also resentment amongst the scientists?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) and(b). Sir, Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Agricultural Research & Education functions as Director General, Indian Council of Agricultural Research. This post is presently held by the Secretary, Department of Agriculture & Cooperation as an additional charge.

(c) All the offical business relating to the Department of Agricultural Research & Education and Indian Council of Agricultural Research are being transacted in the usual manner.